(SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Mortality rate due to Tobacco-Related diseases

843. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while mortality rate attributable to IHD and other smoke and tobacco related diseases in the US and other developed countries is fast declining; it is increasing alarmingly in India;

(b) if so, what was the mortality rate due to tobacco-related diseases in India in 1981 and 1991 and 1995 and what is the break-up of this mortality between active and passive smokers and other users of tobacco; and

(c) whether despite the statutory warning on cigarette packs, the advertisement and publicity for cigarette, bidis and tobacco products is going on unabated?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Available studies indicate a declining trend in mortality rate attributable to tobacco related diseases in USA and European union countries. However, no reliable trend on the same is available for India.

(b) No reliable data is available, yearwise. However, it is estimated that about 8 lakh people die per year due to tobacco related diseases in the country.

(c) The present statutory warning has not brought about desired impact. Accordingly, it is proposed to enact a comprehensive legislation providing interalia for a statutory warning on all packages of tobacco and tobacco products in the form of more telling slogans. The slogans, size of the letters of the slogans and languages in which these will be printed on the packages will be notified by the Government from time to time.

Pay Scales of PSU Employees

844. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to rationalise the pay scales of the employees of each Public Sector Unit; and

(b) if so, the details of guidelines issued to the Central Public Sector Managements and also to the State PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) On 19.7.1995, detailed guidelines have been issued to all the Administrative Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India, Chief Executives of Central Public Sector Enterprises etc. regarding revision & rationalisation of the pay scales of the employees i.e. Board level Executives, below Board level Executives & non-unionised supervisors of the Central Public Sector Enterprises w.e.f. 1.1.92. The Central Govt. Public Sector Undertakings have been given flexibility to adopt the pay scales at Public Sector Enterprises level depending on their requirements.

Revision/rationalisatio of pay scales of State Public Sector Undertakings do not come under the purview of Central Govt.

Conversion of Guntur-Guntakkal line from metre gauge to broad gauge

845. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to sate:

(a) whether the work on the conversion of Metre Gauge in Guntur-Guntakal line to Broad Gauge is currently in progress;

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) by when the Broad Gauge line is expected to be opened for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Work on the Guntur-Giddalur sub-section of Guntur-Guntakal section has been completed.

Work on the section from Giddalur to Nandyal is nearing completion. The remaining section from Nandyal to Guntakal is targetted for completion by 31-12-1996.

Disparity in Pay of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

846. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one set of Primary teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Patna Region recruited in 1984 have been getting higher basic salary as compared to the other set; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons and justifications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

फिरोजाबाद रेल दुर्घटना के शिकार हुए व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा

847. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** 7 दिसंबर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1170 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कितने मृतक व्यक्तियों के संबंध में 31 जनवरी, 1996 तक मुआवजा राशि का भुगतान कर दिया गया है; और

(ख) शेष मृतक व्यक्तियों के निकट संबंधियों को मुआवजा राशि के भुगतान में देरी के क्या कारण हैं और इस राशि का कब तक भुगतान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाडी): (क) 31.1.1996 को आठ मृत यात्रियों के आश्रितों को मुआवजे का भुगतान किया गया है।

(ख) शेष मृत यात्रियों के निकट संबंधियों को मुआवजे के भुगतान में विलंब होने के कारण निम्नलिखित हैं:—

(i) आवेदकों अथवा उनके वकीलों का दावा अधिकरणों के समक्ष उपस्थित न होना।

(ii) आवेदकों/वकीलों द्वारा अपने गवाह या साक्ष्य प्रस्तुत करने के लिए स्थगन आदेश प्राप्त कर लेना।

(iii) मृतकों के कानूनी उत्तराधिकारी के निर्धारण में विवाद तथा सिविल न्यायालय से प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करने के लिए स्थगन आदेश प्राप्त कर लेना।

रेल दावा अधिकरण द्वारा दावों पर डिगरी किए जाने के तुरंत बाद मुआवजे का भुगतान किया जाएगा।

Shri Chitra Medical Science Centre, Trivandrum

848. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the development of Shri Chitra Medical Science Centre, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much fund has been allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programmes of the Institute during the Eighth Five Year Plan aim at uniting technology and medical sciences within a single institutional framework. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum has a number of R&D programmes for the development of Blood Bags, Blood Oxygenator, Cardiotomy Reservoir, Humidifier, Blood Filter, Mediastinal Drainage System, CSF Shunt and "Chitra Heart Valve", surface modification of